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NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD FOR REMOVING WATER FROM SURFACES

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26 pages of Specification/Claims 1-11/Abstract are attached.
 Formal drawings (Fig(s).--; --sheet(s)) are attached.
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
 An assignment of the invention to Ausimont S.p.A. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
 A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
 Priority of foreign application No. MI 2000A 002625 filed December 5, 2000 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

| FOR: | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA |
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| BASIC FEE | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 11 - 20 | = 0 |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 1 - 3 | = 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | |

| SMALL ENTITY | | LARGE ENTITY | |
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| RATE | FEES | RATE | FEES |
| | \$ 370 | | \$ 740 |
| x 9 = | | x 18 | |
| x 42 = | | x 84 | |
| +140 = | | +280 | |
| TOTAL | | TOTAL | \$ 740 |

Check No. 330037 in the amount of \$780.00 (\$740.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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